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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of The American Purity Alliance was held on Monday, January 28th, 1901, in New York City, one session being held in the afternoon and a later session in the evening. Both meetings were conducted by Dr. O. Edward Janney, President of the Alliance.

The afternoon session was held in the parlor of the Isaac T. Hopper Home, 110 Second Avenue, with good attendance. Letters, some of which were read, were announced as having been received from Vice President Roosevelt, Rev. Maltbie D. Babcock, Rev. Anna Garlin Spencer, Joshua L. Baily, Josiah W. Leeds, Mrs. Charlotte S. Lewis, Emily Howland, and others, expressing continued interest in the work of the Alliance.

Rev. William T. Sabine, D. D., was unable to be present, but sent the following earnest message to the meeting:

MY DEAR MRS. POWELL:

I received notice of the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Purity Alliance, next Monday. I hardly think I shall be able to attend either of the meetings that day, and so enclose a small contribution for the work in hand.

The publication of *THE PHILANTHROPIST* should be continued and its circulation vigorously pushed. It is needed now if ever.

The shocking condition of things at Manila, if we are to believe the testimony of the missionaries—and many of us must believe it rather than the honeyed and cautious words of the Commanding General—make most emphatic protest necessary.

I trust the trumpet of the Alliance on this matter will give no uncertain sound, and will be heard far and wide. If as has been charged the Government is not merely conniving at

but deliberately fostering gross immoralities in the army and the Philippine Islands, every true American must blush for his dishonored country. * * *

Very sincerely yours,

WM. T. SABINE.

960 Madison Ave., N. Y., Jan. 25, 1901.

The committee in charge of the publication of THE PHILANTHROPIST reported that the paper had been issued quarterly, in eight page form, and had received a cordial welcome from friends of the cause. Several of those present expressed their appreciation of THE PHILANTHROPIST; and its continued publication, and more extensive circulation were urged. The same committee was continued to publish the paper.

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that a Purity Convention would be held in 1901, and the President gave an account of a conference of the Presidents of five Purity Associations, held in Chicago, November 9, 1900, at which the proposed convention was discussed. After full consideration the following minute was adopted:

“It having been decided to hold a Purity Convention in October, 1901, and the co-operation of The American Purity Alliance having been requested, the Alliance, after careful consideration, approves of holding the Convention, authorizes the Executive Officers to appoint two delegates and to use their influence to further the success of the movement. The Alliance also appropriates \$25 to assist in defraying the expenses of the Convention, but assumes no further financial or other responsibility.”

A series of resolutions was offered by Mr. Samuel C. Blackwell, and after discussion and an amendment by Rev. S. S. Seward, they were adopted and their publication and wide dissemination urged. They were as follows:

Resolved, That we welcome the organization by citizens of New York, of the Committee of Fifteen, for the suppression of vice. We pledge our co-operation in all wise measures for the attainment of that end. We also express our hearty sympathy with the various associations throughout our country who are seeking to effect kindred reform.

Resolved, That experience abroad and in our own country has fully demonstrated that any legislation which contemplates permissive regulation of incontinence, has invariably increased it, by lending to it actual legal sanction and the false hope of immunity from disease.

Resolved, That any legislation designed to suppress or to diminish this vice, in order to be effectual must contemplate equal protection for both sexes, and must guard the personal freedom of all women with especial care.

Resolved, That the practice of this vice tends to undermine marriage, which is a relationship of most essential value to the individual, the family and the State, and the practice of incontinence is criminal, as being injurious to the public welfare.

Resolved, That all parties, who, whether as landlords or as tenants, derive pecuniary returns for facilitating in any way the practice of this vice, should be regarded and treated as accomplices in crime.

Resolved, That every effort by force, fraud or solicitation, to induce girls or women to consent to their own ruin should be punished by severe and effectual penalties.

Resolved, That it is a most important duty of all parents and it is their peculiar privilege, to train their children in the habit of chastity and self control, and in a conviction of the rightful equality of both sexes in the marriage relation.

Resolved, That it is the special duty of every branch of the Church to impress parental duty in the moral training of their children, and to use all wise measures to prevent the licensed "regulation" of sexual vice as being destructive of marriage and the family, inculcated by Scripture and by Divine revelation in the ideals of the human heart.

Resolved, That the discipline and health of our Army and Navy and the welfare of those among whom they may be stationed, demand complete prohibition of the practice of this vice,

and justify every possible provision for the innocent relief and enjoyment of the men while off duty, and a reward, by bonus or otherwise, for upright, manly conduct while in its discharge.

Resolved, That the efficient action, as Commander-in-Chief, by President McKinley, of whose personal sympathy we feel assured, is respectfully but most earnestly asked, for the prohibition of this vice among our troops wherever stationed, and for effective measures to protect them from temptation.

Resolved, That the many painful and terrible revelations recently made public have in a measure aroused the attention of all intelligent and humane people, and we hopefully anticipate that this may result in a nobler appreciation of marriage and of the family, which are the two great relationships of human life.

In considering the resolution referring to State sanctioned vice, Mrs. Josephine Shaw Lowell called attention to the importance of the testimony given at the International Brussels Conference in 1899 concerning the efforts to control the "physical scourge that waits on vice." She quoted from the address given by Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, an able specialist and statistician, which proved so effective in combating the arguments of the Regulationists, and helped to save the Conference from committing itself to an endorsement of the regulation of vice by the State.*

*I believe at present it would be quite impossible to trust anybody with the regulation of prostitution, or to carry such a law out effectually, even if that were possible. * * *

There is a largely spreading feeling in England amongst those who are not religious in favor of the endeavor to advance in our respect for women and our regard for the rights of women of all classes of society, and a desire not to assist in the degradation of any one class as a source of enjoyment to the other. There is a growing feeling in England on this subject, and I am glad to see that there is in our medical schools, as in all departments of life where educated young men meet, a very great increase of the sense of responsibility in these matters. The state of medical students as regards this is far in advance of what it was a quarter of a century ago, and that feeling extends to our colleges also. * * *

We ought not to do anything which would consign to degradation a large number of young inexperienced women of that class which specially require sympathy and education. The attempt to establish moral responsibility by attention to temperance, athletics, industry, so far from favoring the degradation of any race, would tend in every way to enable humanity to advance the true interests of our race.

MR. JONATHAN HUTCHINSON

The ANNUAL REPORT was read by the President and approved by vote. It will be found published in full on a following page.

The report of the Treasurer was also read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Blackwell, the President, Secretaries and all other officers were re-elected unanimously.

A list of all officers will be found on another page.

After brief remarks by members of the Alliance the meeting adjourned to 8 P. M.

THE EVENING MEETING.

The Metropolitan Temple, on Seventh Avenue, near Fourteenth Street, having been generously offered for our use, a good audience gathered there in the evening.

Dr. Belcher, the assistant pastor, opened the exercises with prayer, and was followed by Dr. O. Edward Janney, President of the Alliance, in a brief introductory address.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

After giving a statement of the aims and lines of work pursued by The American Purity Alliance, showing that it was organized in opposition to State Regulation of Vice and that it had continued this opposition for twenty-five years, Dr. Janney explained that while rescue work has its sympathy and support, the chief work of the Alliance is preventive, consisting in endeavors to obtain the enactment and enforcement of proper laws and to defeat those of evil tendency, and in educational efforts.

He stated that the present outlook for purity is hopeful, citing the organization of new purity associa-

tions, the active interest in this reform taken by young people in the Christian Endeavor Society and kindred bodies; and also the reform movements inaugurated in New York and other cities.

The great need of purity work was pictured, the question touching life at so many points, socially, in marriage, the rights of childhood, and even the continued existence of the nation depending upon the pure morals of our people.

As to practical measures, we are firm in the belief that all attempts at regulation or segregation are wrong in principle and have proved ineffective wherever tested. Moreover it involves police oversight and the abominable system of medical inspection, applied to women only, and not to men. As soon as men learn that vice is not a "necessary evil," all evil resorts can be broken up. There is no such thing as a "necessary evil." If necessary, it is not evil; if evil, it is not necessary.

We believe in the enforcement of existing laws; that houses of infamy should be suppressed and homes provided for the inmates; that all evil-doers should be punished, men as well as women; that the punishment should be by *imprisonment*, not by fine, as the latter soon becomes practically a license. We believe in and work for the education of parents and the young in the laws of generation. Finally, we believe that we must never surrender until righteousness has the mastery, and that it is in the power of a few pure, courageous and determined men to effect this great reform.

The Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell was then introduced. The following is a brief summary of her remarks:

The present agitation is hopeful. One must regret to breathe a word of criticism for the good men, and women, too, in New York and elsewhere, who earnestly and conscientiously are trying to make the world better in public and private morality; but there have been many utterances and suggestions which indicate that there is a blind spot in the conscience, which also obscures mental vision. The radical and permanently effective work must be educational. The sphere of a good law is limited. It has only an iron hand; its clasp is a manacle, its dreaded touch can neither be pliable nor sympathetic.

Kindness, the voice of the teacher, with its personal human interest and earnestness, is more convincing, is a higher help. Feeling is a spur to the intellect. It can often convince and lead to permanent improvement.

Women at present can only indirectly influence legislation. Too many only shrink away from this most difficult of all subjects.

Hereditary tendencies and later education of the child often contend for mastery. When they can be made to work together they are almost omnipotent.

The double standard of morals has produced a code of morality that has no parallel under the heaven for selfishness, blindness, infamy and dishonor. Such a standard is blind to the simplest elements of justice towards womanhood. It is reinforced both by heredity and an impalpable but real moulding of a prevailing sentiment which has enveloped every successive generation.

When only money is at stake, justice is enforced between man and woman, but where happiness, virtue, life itself are in peril, fatal blindness remains. When,

however, evil gets itself stated and admitted, soon or late human nature enforces the remedy.

When the appetite and passions common to humanity shall come under the control of reason and benevolence, when children are better born and better trained, and moulded to triumphant self mastery, man will have entered upon his heritage.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the National Woman Suffrage Association, then addressed the meeting. She said in part:

The chief difficulty which stands in the way of a thorough control of the social evil is the fact that it has become a commercial factor. Just as soon as any evil can put money into the pockets of men, it becomes so thoroughly established that it is almost impossible to find a vulnerable point where it may be attacked. This is a day of trusts. Almost every thinkable thing is in a trust. The things we eat and the things we wear are furnished us by a trust. Vice has kept step with the march of commerce and has also organized in a trust. We find the saloons, the gambling dens and brothels are united to stand ready to defend each other. Whenever one is attacked they all are. Whatever is done to render the business of keeping brothels less profitable is attacking the evil in its most vulnerable point. It is for this reason that the practice of regulation by inspection should always be condemned. It is not alone that it is a disgraceful condition of things that it should be rejected, but because the very fact that prostitution is supposed to be made safe offers an inducement to brothel keeping as a money making business.

It has been said a thousand times within the last

year that the Constitution will follow the flag and the flag the Constitution, but every American citizen should blush with shame at the report which now comes from the Philippines, and which declares upon good evidence that a series of brothels is maintained by our military forces in Manila, where the women are inspected and provided with certificates of health. It is reported that from each one of these buildings there floats an American flag, and thus is made an admission to the world that the United States Government has gone into partnership with prostitution. It invites young, pure and Christian men, who in moments of patriotic enthusiasm have believed that they were serving their country to enlist in its army, to partake of evils which would never tempt them at home. Every American citizen who sees the danger there is to the American home, American manhood and womanhood, should join in the movement to deluge the President and Congress with letters and petitions to remove this shameful evil in the Philippines. Such action would never have taken place had the American people had knowledge of what was going on. The practice has been established in secret and only now have the facts leaked out. Every true man and woman should resent it on the platform, in speech and in the pulpit, until there is aroused such a storm of indignation that the military authorities will be brought to their senses.

In the City of New York the great social purity agitation at present is centered around the question whether the brothels shall be concentrated in one district or permitted to scatter. Again, the concentration renders the business easier, secure and consequently more

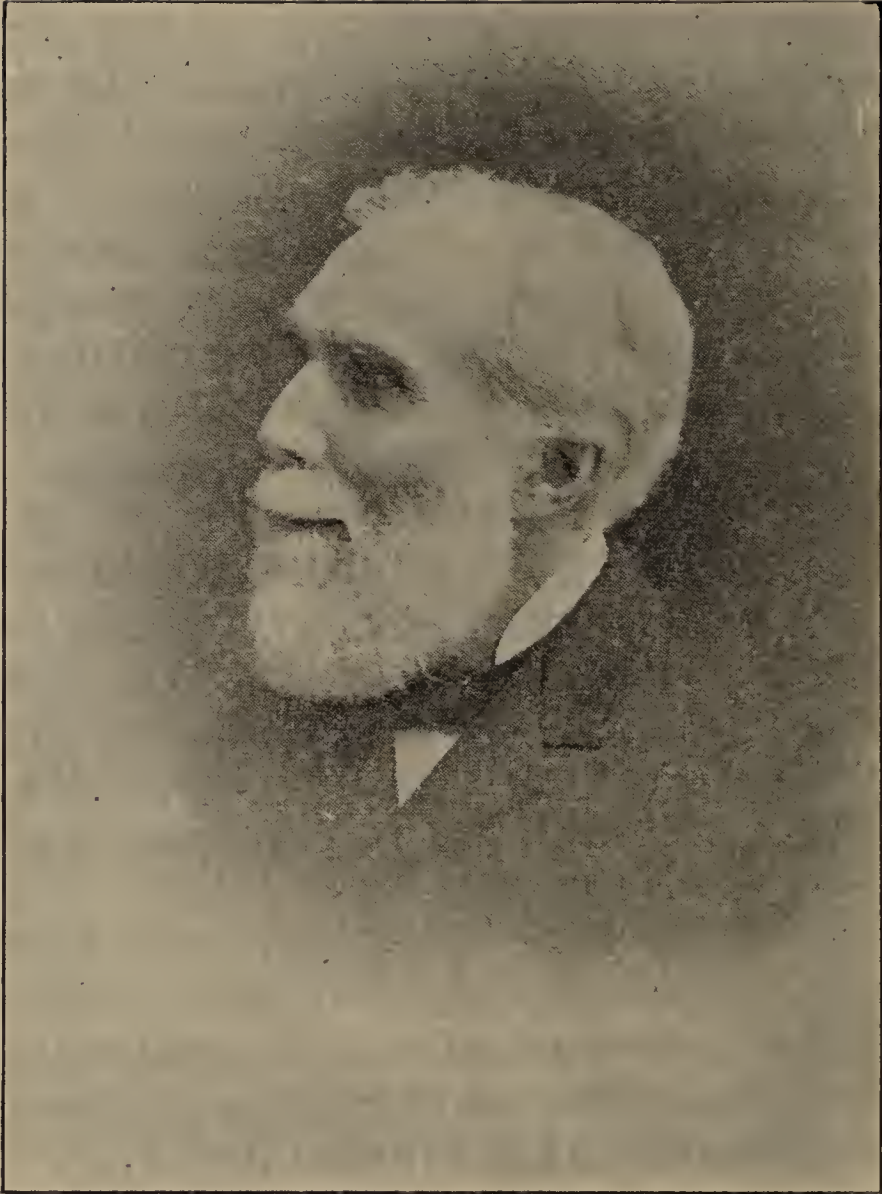
profitable, and for this reason if for no other, it should be fought with all the power of pen and word.

The social evil is as old as the history of the world. It doubtless will continue for many centuries to come, but it is the duty of every Christian and moral man and woman to fight it wherever it shows its shameful evidence. Education, agitation and hard brave work will in time at least reduce the evil to a minimum. It is a wrong to women, a degradation to men, and a menace to the whole race. In America, at least, it is a fearful political power. The time will come when honest moral men and women will see that a fair fight on this question must necessitate the permission to count at the ballot box the prayers and opinions of women as well as men. To-day the brothels are practically enfranchised, since it is a well established fact that for every one woman who belongs to that lost and unfortunate class there is more than one man who makes it possible for her to exist. If there is to be fair play, we must enfranchise the virtue as well as the vice.

The closing address was made by Henry W. Wilbur. He said in part as follows:

Part of the work of the reformer consists in brushing aside subterfuges and misrepresentations. On the personal side of the purity question a subterfuge meets us at the threshold. That is the notion our boys can come up by accident, and if they have wild and wicked experiences, it is part of the plan of their development towards manhood. It is claimed by some that the young man who does not have his "experiences" is a milksop. We can feel certain about one thing, and that is, if we permit our sons to sow wild oats, somebody's daughters

will help harvest the crop. Good sense and sobriety demand that we rear our sons so wisely and purely that they may become fathers of a future race, better and stronger than the world has yet seen. The public side of the purity question is embarrassed by indifference to civic duty on the part of the citizen. Good men, busy with buying and selling and getting gain let the plug-uglies run the town, and when they have run it until vice has become hideous, the good men indulge in a spasm of interest, and say, "go to now, we will refer the whole matter to a committee." But that only partly shifts the responsibility without settling the difficulty. A properly vigilant citizenship will so govern a great city that the special vigilance committee will be unnecessary. Segregation and regulation of vice are also subterfuges which blind the eyes and blunt the sensibilities of the people. If the police can drive vice from Chrystie street to Harlem, it can drive it into the sea, and where it will cease from troubling. When the municipality undertakes to segregate and regulate it perpetuates vice, and instead of being hostile, the powers that be proceed to provide vice with a comfortable place whereon it may lay its head. Against all sanction of evil, an enlightened public sentiment should set its face, for the function of orderly government is to advance righteousness and suppress iniquity.



SAMUEL C. BLACKWELL.

*ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMERICAN
PURITY ALLIANCE FOR 1900.*

During the past year some notable events have occurred, some of which have been discouraging to the friends of purity and others have given clear evidence of an advance in the right direction. On the whole there are many reasons for encouragement and the signs of the times indicate that the seed-sowing of the past is about to result in an abundant harvest.

The American Purity Alliance has endeavored, in the past year, to so direct public thought, as to prevent the adoption of "regulation" and to establish higher ideals of purity.

MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting of the Alliance was held on the Third of February, 1900, and was well attended. Several brief addresses were made, evincing an evident interest in the work of the Alliance and resulting in the unanimous decision that although death had deprived us of our valued leader, Aaron M. Powell, the work should be bravely carried on, and that our efforts in the Purity Reform should be in no wise lessened.

The President and others connected with the Alliance have held or addressed a number of meetings during the past year. Several of these have been held under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, whose purity department is increasing rapidly in usefulness.

An interesting occasion was a meeting of young men at Chautauqua, N. Y., impressively addressed by the President of the Alliance, President Birdsall, of Swarthmore College, Henry W. Wilbur of New York, and others. At all these gatherings, many pledge cards were signed and good influence exerted.

The proper attitude of physicians was brought before the American Institute of Homœopathy,—the National Medical Society,—in a brief address which elicited much encouraging response.

Several meetings of the Executive Committee have been held to consider matters which will be mentioned in detail in this report.

MEMORIALS.

Statements as to the evil social conditions under military rule, having been published, a letter was sent to the Secretary of War asking information, to which the following reply was received:

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 10, 1900.

SIR:

By direction of the Secretary of War, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, requesting information as to the accuracy of published reports regarding the licensing of prostitution in Manila.

In reply I beg to say that the records show no such order has been issued in the Philippines, and that the attention of the Department was recently called to the matter, whereupon Major General MacArthur was directed to make immediate investigation and report thereon.

Very respectfully,

CLARENCE R. EDWARDS,

*Lt. Col. 47th Infty., U. S. V.,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.*

Under the direction of the Executive Committee, soon thereafter, the following Memorial was forwarded to President McKinley:

TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM MCKINLEY, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

DEAR SIR:

In addressing you as the official head of our civil magistracy and Commander-in-Chief of the Army, we feel strong assurance in your character, both as citizen and Christian, that we have your sympathy in the object of this appeal and may count upon its most serious and conscientious consideration by you.

In affirmation and pursuance of recent correspondence between the President of this Alliance and the Secretary of War, through the Assistant Adjutant General, calling his attention to the current statements as to the prevalence of the "social evil" in our army in the Philippine Islands, and the "regulation" of prostitution by army officers in Manila and elsewhere in the groups, and requesting information as to facts, our Alliance has instructed its Executive Committee to address you this memorial, with the earnest hope that the investigation ordered to be made by General MacArthur may be vigorously pushed, and that if the facts are found to be as stated, you will have the evil corrected.

We would most respectfully urge upon your most earnest consideration the danger of serious error in attempting to arrest this vice by so called permissive "regulation." Such official action, both abroad and in our own country, has proved illusory and incapable of securing immunity from the physical penalty which nature attaches to indulgences in sexual vice, while the apparent official sanction given to its practice has induced its wider prevalence. The practical effect of such regulation has been the encouragement of men to vice, and the establishment and endowment of this evil at the price of the civil and moral degradation of women.

Among the evil results of regulation of vice, if adopted by the military officials who are in immediate command in our dependencies, would inevitably be:

1. A most inexcusable wrong to helpless women, sought for and held captive to degradation and utter ruin.

2. The perpetuation of an outrage upon women in the required physical examination, and forcible detention in the hospital, coupled with the wrong to innocent women.

3. Increased and ever present temptations to vice, resulting in moral degradation and physical disease among young men—soldiers—many of them hitherto self controlled and virtuous, in an attempt to make it safe and easy to do wrong.

4. The return home, on the expiration of their terms of service, of large numbers of men, demoralized through the sanction of prostitution in the army, to taint the moral atmosphere and threaten the purity of the home.

5. And, perhaps, the supreme evil of putting the United States Government in the position of *licensing* social vice instead of *repressing* it; and of becoming an actual agent in obtaining fresh victims for its demands. The danger, also, of the enactment of a similar "regulation" system by State legislatures, incited by the example of the Government, the prevention of such acts being the constant aim of this association and all wise friends of purity.

We would further bring to your attention the fact that it is now conceded by those best informed, based upon actual experience, during many years of trial, in many countries, including France and Great Britain, which latter country abolished regulation of vice in 1886, after seventeen years of agitation, and never re-enacted it, that regulation of vice fails to limit the spread of disease; and having so failed abroad, should not be adopted by us.

With profound convictions of its importance, we commend this subject to your most careful thought; and we make this our earnest appeal to you in whom is invested the undoubted authority and responsibility, that your official action will consist in a repression of all attempts at regulation of vice, and the taking of the necessary steps to drive prostitution and its attendant evils from our dependencies.

Respectfully and Hopefully,

O. EDWARD JANNEY,

President of The American Purity Alliance.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 27, 1900.

Several attempts were made to obtain a copy of the report of General MacArthur above referred to, without success, as shown by the following correspondence: *

WAR DEPARTMENT LIBRARY,
WASHINGTON, December 5, 1900.

DR. O. EDWARD JANNEY.

DEAR SIR :

In reply to your request of December 4, I have pleasure in sending you this day the report of the Secretary of War for 1899, and regret to say that General MacArthur's report is not available for distribution. It was printed in Manila in a very limited edition for official use, and the Department has only its file copies. It will be incorporated in the full report of the Department for 1900, now in course of preparation, and distributed by Congress when published.

Yours truly,

A. W. GREELY,

*Brigadier General and Chief Signal Officer,
In charge Distribution War Department*

December 5, 1900.

Documents.

WASHINGTON, December 14, 1900.

DR. O. EDWARD JANNEY.

DEAR Sir:

The report of the Secretary of War for 1899 consists of thirteen volumes, of which it has been only possible to send you one. I have no knowledge of General MacArthur's having made any report of vice in Manila, so cannot comply with your request in that respect.

Yours truly,

A. W. GREELY,

*Brigadier General and Chief Signal Officer,
In charge Distribution War Department*

Documents.

*This report has since been received.

Early in the present month a second Memorial on the subject was sent to the President of the United States, as follows:

TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM MCKINLEY, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

The police power accompanying our discharge of duty for the procurement of law and order in the Philippines must be exercised by the United States Army. over which your official control is absolute.

The efficiency of the army as police depends directly upon its physical health and upright character, and upon the conduct and chastity of both its officers and men.

With a deep conviction of this essential requisite, which we believe that you fully share with all humane and thoughtful Americans, irrespective of party, The American Purity Alliance entreats you to exert your full power over the disciplinary rules of the service by prohibiting a continuance of the policy of so called "regulation" or official sanction of fornication, and invitation to its practice under the plea of examination and license.

Such examination and license has always been found to be unsuccessful even as a protection to health, while it is the source of untold temptation and demoralization. It cannot but result in the ruin of multitudes of both men and women.

Its continued practice in our army must lend a fatal sanction to a similar deadly practice among our people at home, threatening the manly and womanly purity of our country.

The army reform which we now urge will distinctly initiate an upward step in army discipline, and will tend to make the military arm of our nation, as its police force, a safeguard of liberty and peace.

With confidence and hope,

THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE.

IN NEW YORK.

A committee of fifteen prominent citizens of New York having been appointed to look into vicious conditions in that city and report methods of relief, it was

decided to send a memorial to this committee. Accordingly the following was prepared and forwarded on January 14, 1901, eliciting a courteous response from the chairman of the committee, Mr. Wm. H. Baldwin, Jr., in which he requests to be furnished with any documents we might have bearing on the subject of regulation of vice.

TO MR. WILLIAM H. BALDWIN, CHAIRMAN, AND THE COMMITTEE OF
FIFTEEN, NEW YORK CITY:

GENTLEMEN:

In addressing you who have consented to investigate vicious conditions in New York city and suggest remedial measures, we feel strong assurance in the character of those who constitute your committee that we have your sympathy in the object of this letter, and may count upon its serious and conscientious consideration.

In the effort to repress social vice there is constant danger of the advocacy of methods which aim at the "regulation" of vice, in the hope of bettering civic conditions. Against such methods THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE has firmly maintained an opposition for twenty-five years, based on extensive experience at home and abroad, and a quarter of a century study of the subject.

Among the evils resulting from attempts to regulate or segregate vice in our cities would inevitably be—

First—A most inexcusable wrong to helpless women, sought for and practically held captive to degradation and utter ruin.

Second—The perpetuation of an outrage upon women in the required physical examination and forcible detention in the hospital, coupled with the danger of wrong to innocent women.

Third—Increased temptations to vice, resulting in moral deterioration and physical disease among men, many of them young men, in an attempt to make it easy and safe to do wrong.

Fourth—The very serious mistake of putting the civil authority in the position of *licensing* social vice, instead of *suppressing* it, thus offering a pernicious example to other communities.

We would further bring to your notice the important fact that is now conceded by those who are best informed, based upon actual experience, during many years of trial, in many countries, including France, Germany, and Great Britain, which latter country abolished Regulation of Vice in 1886, after seventeen years of agitation, and has never re-enacted it, that *Regulation of Social Vice is a failure in every respect*; and having so failed abroad, should not now be adopted by us.

With profound convictions of the pressing importance of this subject, and with an assurance of the evils that must follow unwise advice and legislation, we make this earnest appeal to you, that the conclusion at which you shall arrive may be founded on right principles and not on expediency; and we trust that the final result of your labors may be a decided and gratifying diminution of prostitution and its attendant evils, through measures which involve no connivance in evil by those in authority.

O. EDWARD JANNEY, M. D.,
President of The American Purity Alliance.

IMMORAL PLAYS.

In conjunction with other agencies efforts were made to prevent the production of notoriously improper stage plays, with only a moderate degree of success. Some of the worst features of the plays were modified, however, so as to be less objectionable.

A greater measure of success attended an effort to prevent the placing of immodest posters, in the city of Baltimore, as shown by the following letter:

BALTIMORE, MD., November 30, 1900.

O. EDWARD JANNEY.

DEAR SIR:

Your favor of the 27th inst. received and contents noted. In reply, we have no desire at any time to post objectionable paper and use our best endeavors to prevent the same. We did not think the picture referred to would be objectionable as it has been used in a great many cities where the attraction has been

played in houses catering to ladies and children. However, if at any time a poster should appear on our boards, which you might think objectionable, we would be glad to have you call our attention to the same and we will cover it promptly as we have done in the present case.

Yours truly,

RIFE & HOUCK,

City Bill Posters.

MEDICAL PUBLICATIONS.

The columns of two medical journals have been opened to the consideration of the subject of purity in its relation to physicians and their practice. It is with renewed hopefulness that we note the increasing prominence given to the subject in many medical journals and the high ground in favor of purity of life taken by a number of writers.

LITERATURE.

An important part of the work of the Alliance is the publication and dissemination of literature covering the various phases of the Purity movement. The leaflets of the "Philanthropist Series," by well known writers thoroughly familiar with the subject, at home and abroad, together with "The National Purity Congress; its Papers, Addresses and Portraits," a very important contribution to Purity literature, are kept on hand for those who can make use of them. Many leaflets have been circulated the past year and must have exerted a wide influence.

THE PHILANTHROPIST.

The value and influence of THE PHILANTHROPIST was so evident and it is held in such high estimation by many workers, that its continued publication was decided upon, and a number of friends volunteered

financial support. A Committee of Publication was appointed consisting of the President, Anna Rice Powell, Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, Rev. Anna Garlin Spencer and Henry W. Wilbur. The journal has been issued quarterly and each number has received a cordial welcome.

It is hoped that a much wider circle may be reached by the journal, the coming year, including many public officials, thus extending our anti-regulation principles and the education along purity lines.

A PURITY CONVENTION IN 1901.

A desire having been expressed by those representing purity organizations in the West, to hold a Purity Convention during the present year; the Alliance authorized its President to confer with similar associations. Accordingly a conference was held in the parlors of the Leland Hotel in Chicago, on November 9, and a decision arrived at to hold a Purity Convention in October next, probably in Chicago. It was left open for the Alliance to join with other Purity Associations in making the proposed convention a success, the decision resting with the present meeting. The expenses of the convention, which will not be great, are to be met by voluntary contributions.

EVENTS ABROAD.

Through its connection with the International Federation for the Prevention of State Regulation of Vice, the Alliance has kept in touch with the Purity movement abroad.

Much interest is still manifested in the Conference called by Regulationists at Brussels in 1899. Although regarded with apprehension by friends of

Purity, the outcome of the discussion is believed to be helpful to our cause, and the scheme of State Regulation of Vice was acknowledged by its advocates to be a failure and is only continued in the absence of a better method. In India the situation remains unchanged. In South Africa State Regulation is being enforced in most obnoxious form. In Great Britain the situation is constantly improving, without regulation, and the feeling against legal action by the State is apparently growing, as are the efforts towards moral education.

FINANCES.

The accompanying report of the Treasurer, shows the Alliance to be in a sound financial condition. While anxious to advance our cause by all wise methods, we have been careful not to exceed our resources. Were they greater much more could be accomplished.

CO-OPERATION.

We return grateful acknowledgment to those whose thoughtful and generous co-operation in our work, by subscriptions and by their expressions of interest and encouragement, have made it possible for the Alliance to continue its efforts for the promotion of Purity. In the interest of this important reform we would bespeak its continuance.

OBITUARY.

We have to record the loss by death of two of our Vice-Presidents during the past year—Mrs. C. T. Cole of Iowa, and Mrs. Julia R. Carpenter of New Hampshire—both of whom have manifested a very deep interest in our cause. Mrs. Cole as a speaker and a journalist presented the claims of the Purity movement

with wisdom and ability. Mrs. Carpenter worked in more quiet ways, but with zeal and faithfulness.

While we mourn the loss of these valued co-workers, we give thanks for the evidence we have that their labors, combined with those of others, have so helped to extend a knowledge of the importance of the movement that many more than formerly are ready to listen to its claims.

BEQUESTS.

The American Purity Alliance is duly incorporated, and is therefore legally qualified to receive, hold and use property, money and real estate. We commend to those blessed with the means to bequeathe, this method of continuing helpful service for the promotion of Purity after having passed on to the larger life. The following is a suitable form of bequest, to be incorporated in any will, or added thereto as a codicil:

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeathe to "THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE," incorporated in the year 1895 under the Laws of the State of New York, the sum of..... Dollars, to be used for the purposes of said Alliance and under its direction.

January 28, 1901.

O. EDWARD JANNEY,
President.

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*CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN PURITY
ALLIANCE.*

In view of the wide-spread suffering, physical disease, deplorable hereditary results, degradation of manhood and womanhood, and the peril to the home, society and the State involved in the prevalent immorality, we do hereby agree, with a prayerful reliance upon Divine aid, to form ourselves into an association, to be governed by the following constitution:

ARTICLE I. This association shall be called THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE.

ARTICLE II. The objects of this Alliance are the repression of vice, the prevention of its regulation by the State, the better protection of the young, the rescue of the fallen, the extension of the White Cross among men, and to maintain the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women.

ARTICLE III. Any person who consents to the principles of this constitution, and who contributes annually one dollar or more to its funds, may be a member of this Alliance, and shall be entitled to a vote at its meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Alliance shall be a president, vice presidents, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, and an executive committee to consist of the president, secretaries, treasurer, and not less than five additional members, and a general council of twenty or more members.

ARTICLE V. The Executive Committee shall have power to enact their own by-laws, fill any vacancy in their body, and in the offices of secretary and treasurer, direct the treasurer in the application of all moneys, and call special meetings of the Alliance. They shall make arrangements for all meetings, and make an annual written report of their doings and of the expenditures and funds of the Alliance.

ARTICLE VI. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Alliance, or, in his absence, one of the vice presidents, or, in their absence, a president pro tem. The corresponding secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Alliance. The recording secretary shall notify all meetings of the Alliance and of the executive committee, and shall keep records of the same. The treasurer shall receive the subscriptions, make payments at the direction of the executive committee, and present a written and audited account to accompany the annual report. The duties of members of the general council shall be advisory, in connection with the executive committee, to advise and inform the latter as to the condition, progress and needs, legislative and otherwise, of the cause of Purity in their respective States and localities.

ARTICLE VII. The annual meeting of the Alliance shall be held each year at such time and place as the executive committee may direct, when the accounts of the treasurer shall be presented, the annual report read, appropriate addresses delivered, the officers chosen, and such other business transacted as shall be deemed expedient.

ARTICLE VIII. Any Purity or White Cross association founded on the same principles may become auxiliary to this Alliance, by contributing annually the sum of five dollars to its treasury. The officers of each auxiliary association shall be ex-officio members of this organization, and shall be entitled to deliberate and vote in the transaction of its concerns.

ARTICLE IX. This constitution may be amended, at any meeting of the Alliance, by a vote of the members present, provided the amendments proposed have been previously submitted, in writing, to the executive committee.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INCORPORATION
OF
THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE.

In pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable, scientific and missionary societies," passed April 12, 1848, and of the several acts amendatory thereof, we whose names are hereunto subscribed, all being of full age and all citizens of the United States, and a majority of whom are citizens of and residents within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

That we have associated ourselves to form a corporation or society for benevolent purposes, and for the purpose of preventing and lessening crime and immorality.

That the name or title by which such corporation shall be known in law is The American Purity Alliance.

That the particular business and objects of such society are to disseminate literature and to hold public meetings for the purpose of securing more adequate legal protection of females under the age of twenty-one years from immoral lives, and to urge the enactment of such laws as will the more effectually secure such protection, and to urge and secure the enforcement of all laws to prevent the social evil among such females, and also to extend aid and encouragement in the way of rescuing victims of social vice and in providing them with suitable homes and employment.

That the number of Trustees to manage the said Society shall be eight.

That the following are the names of the Trustees of such Society for the first year of its existence, viz :

AARON M. POWELL, of Plainfield, New Jersey.
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That the principal place of transacting the business of said Society is New York City.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this Eighteenth day of March. A. D. 1895.

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State of New York, }
 City and County of New York, } ss.:

On this 18th day of March, 1895,
 before me personally came AARON M. POWELL, EMILY BLACKWELL,
 NAOMI L. DAVIS, ANNA RICE POWELL, SAMUEL C. BLACKWELL,
 SARAH H. EMERSON and WILLIAM T. SABINE, to me known to

be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

JOHN R. SMITH,

Notary Public, N. Y. Co.

State of New York, }
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On the 19th day of March, 1895, before me personally came ANNA LUKENS, to me known to be one of the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that she executed the same.

CHARLES G. STEPHENSON,

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INCORPORATION

—OF—

THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE.

I do consent to and approve of the incorporation above mentioned, and of the filing of the within certificate, and allow the same accordingly.

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